



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Curriculum Supervisors, and Principals

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SUBJECT: Election Education

Soon our nation will be at the polls to elect our local, state, and national leaders. Our educational system bears the responsibility of ensuring our students are well prepared for this future responsibility of citizenship. Therefore, Indiana code requires specific instruction as outlined below prior to a general election. Please remind your teachers of this requirement.

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System of government; American history

Sec. 4.

(a) Each public school and nonpublic school shall provide within the two (2) weeks preceding a general election for all students in grades 6 through 12 five (5) full recitation periods of class discussion concerning:

- (1) the system of government in Indiana and in the United States;
- (2) methods of voting;
- (3) party structures;
- (4) election laws; and
- (5) the responsibilities of citizen participation in government and in elections.